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To the Department of Justice:

I believe that the Tunney Act of 1974 provides that citizens can comment on anti-trust cases.

As a technical professional, I assert that it is beyond any doubt that Microsoft wields effective monopoly control over several classes of computer software crucial to our country's economic security. It is equally evident that this is not in the public's or the government's best interest.

Everyone's interests, including those of Microsoft shareholders, will be best served in the long run if the government breaks this monopoly by subdividing Microsoft into companies that will have to compete in their respective markets on the basis of price and performance.

The current settlement proposed by Microsoft is an arrogant act of defiance of the Court's finding that, if approved, will simply serve to extend the company's monopoly into one of the last market niches where its dominance is not total.

I urge you, for the good of all citizens and for the security of the country, to end the total dependence of our economy upon this one company, whose past performance leaves little doubt as to the likelihood of true reform from within.

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